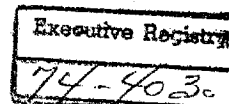




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Mr. William Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

For some time in DIA we have been considering how uncertainty in intelligence might be better quantified and communicated to users, particularly assessments of scientific and technical parameters such as weapon system characteristics. In studying the problem it has become apparent that involvement of the Intelligence Community might be useful. Therefore, I recommend that the matter be discussed by USIB and, if the Board concurs, that an appropriate interagency group be designated to review the subject and provide recommendations for implementation. Since DIA has already undertaken some work in this area, I propose that DIA chair the effort.

It seems to me that some community agreement might be reached as to which S&T parameters in the various subject or weapon system areas warrant a more quantitative reflection of uncertainty, the most appropriate method of determining each of these uncertainties, and the best means of presenting the results to consumers. If we can accomplish the above, it would be a major step forward.

Depending on the results of the S&T review, it may be appropriate for USIB to consider similar reviews in other areas which are possibly less amenable to analytical treatment.

Sincerely,

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V. P. de POIX
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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Please review and provide recommendations to DCI.

Executive Secretary

Date

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Proctor (info Mr. Walsh)

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